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- 2) If the suffix will follow an *n* or *r*, especially if the original word ends in *-se* or *d* (extend extension)
- 3) the word originally ends in *-ss* or *-mit* (discuss discussion admit admission)

Change each word below so that it ends in *-sion*.

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2. express \_\_\_\_\_

3. collide \_\_\_\_\_

4. fuse \_\_\_\_\_

5. extend \_\_\_\_\_

6. explode \_\_\_\_\_

7. revive \_\_\_\_\_

8. admit \_\_\_\_\_

9. comprehend \_\_\_\_\_

10. permit \_\_\_\_\_

11. impress \_\_\_\_\_

12. expel \_\_\_\_\_

13. persuade \_\_\_\_\_

14. decide \_\_\_\_\_

15. submit \_\_\_\_\_

16. tense \_\_\_\_\_

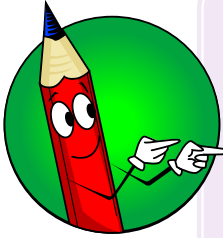
17. erode \_\_\_\_\_

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19. depress \_\_\_\_\_

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2. express \_\_\_\_\_ **expression**

3. collide \_\_\_\_\_ **collision**

4. fuse \_\_\_\_\_ **fusion**

5. extend \_\_\_\_\_ **extension**

6. explode \_\_\_\_\_ **explosion**

7. revive \_\_\_\_\_ **revision**

8. admit \_\_\_\_\_ **admission**

9. comprehend \_\_\_\_\_ **comprehension**

10. permit \_\_\_\_\_ **permission**

11. impress \_\_\_\_\_ **impression**

12. expel \_\_\_\_\_ **expulsion**

13. persuade \_\_\_\_\_ **persuasion**

14. decide \_\_\_\_\_ **decision**

15. submit \_\_\_\_\_ **submission**

16. tense \_\_\_\_\_ **tension**

17. erode \_\_\_\_\_ **erosion**

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